

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes
September 19, 2006

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Roy Henry, Sheryl Romasco and Beth Butler

Absent: Doris Ostroskey, Mary Brundage, Jill Kenrick

Guest: Brian Ricker from Allan and Major Associates

Motion made to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2006 meeting by Beth Butler and seconded by Roy Henry. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

1. Norden Cemetery

There has been a cremation burial by the Brokaw family. It was coordinated through Dick Buma and Buma Funeral Homes.

A gentleman named Ray Anderson, contacted Shelly after reading the article in the Paper about the Norden Cemetery. He has more information about the cemetery and asked that someone contact him. Jill will follow up.

2. Beth Butler has a bus route that takes her by several of the outlying areas. Beth has noticed brush piles around the Aldrich Cemetery on Glendale Road that need to be removed. Shelly will check it out.

3. October 7, 2006 UNNC Yard Sale on the Common

Shelly has taken a table on the common and will sell soaps.

4. Fencing at the Falls

Shelly has contacted Larry Bombara about getting that fencing for our cemeteries. Our letter is on top of the pile. As soon as the project starts we will be ready to take the fencing and store it for future use.

5. Aldrich Cemetery

Shelly has spoken to Floyd about the Aldrich Cemetery on West Street. Koopman owns the lot. We want to make sure that before it is developed, the developer knows to leave a right of way, etc for us to get into maintain the cemetery.

6. Recipe Book

We had discussion about creating a recipe book as a fundraiser.

7. Work Dates

On October 3rd and October 5th Shelly, Jill and Sheryl will review and verify the data gathered by Lyn Lovell and that will be used to compile the final cemetery book on all the cemeteries except Prospect Hill and Saint Mary's.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Aldrich-Buxton Cemetery

Brian Ricker attended the meeting to update the committee on the progress at this cemetery. There is new fencing on three sides of the cemetery. BJ's has a new plan for access to the cemetery. The new entry way will be on the north side of the cemetery. There will be a

step down pathway with 4 foot by 6 foot steps. White pines will mask the opening to the pathway. This will be safer than the original plan to enter from the south side.

BJ's is willing to give the committee a 4 man crew for 4 days in October, the spring and next fall, etc until the cemetery is completely cleaned up. After the cemetery is cleaned up the crew will spend one day, seven times a year maintaining the cemetery.

Jeff Parsons will be our contact person.

We are tentatively scheduled to start work on October 23, 2006 at 7:00 a.m.

Shelly told Brian that we still want to have a PAL (ground penetrating radar) to identify and remark the graves after the clean up is complete.

Motion: The Chairman of the Historic Cemetery Committee will sign the final agreement with BJ's concerning restoration and maintenance of the Aldrich-Buston Cemetery when it is complete.

Made by: Beth Butler

Second: Sheryl Romasco

Unanimous

2. Donations:

Norden Cemetery; \$889.00

Other Cemeteries: \$920.00

All money has been deposited into the Cemetery Gift Account.

3. Joseph Richardson Cemetery

Ocean State Power has pledged a donation of \$200.00 for maintenance of the cemetery.

4. Laurie Berthillette

No new information from Laurie or Selectman Arthur DuBois.

5. Cemetery Video

Shelly has told Marla we will postpone the video until the spring.

6. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday October 17, 2006 at the Farnum House.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Motion made by Beth Butler; seconded by Roy Henry Unanimous.